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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC INSPECTION

1. THE UNITED STATES WILL MAKE AN INSPECTION OF CERTAIN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH STATIONS OF OTHER NATIONS IN ANTARCTICA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VII OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY. THE FIVE MAN INSPECTION TEAM CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT, ACDA AND DOD, WILL LEAVE THE UNITED STATES ON DECEMBER 30 FOR MCMURDO STATION, ANTARCTICA. THE INSPECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM THE US COAST GUARD CUTTER GLACIER.

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2. THE RIGHT OF FULL INSPECTION AT ANY TIME IS A UNIQUE

PROVISION OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY AND IS ONE WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS EXERCISED THREE TIMES BEFORE -- IN 1964, 1967 AND 1971. INSPECTIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN CARRIED OUT BY ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

3. OF THE TWELVE SIGNATORIES TO THE TREATY ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, CHILE, FRANCE, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, SOUTH AFRICA, THE USSR, THE UK AND THE US -- ALL CURRENTLY HAVE ACTIVE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN ANTARCTICA EXCEPT BELGIUM AND NORWAY. CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DENMARK, ROMANIA, POLAND, THE GDR AND THE NETHERLANDS HAVE ACCEDED TO THE TREATY BUT DO NOT MAINTAIN STATIONS IN ANTARCTICA.

4. A PRESS STATEMENT ON THE INSPECTION WAS RELEASED IN WASHINGTON ON DECEMBER 27. SISCO

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